

**OPINION
51-121**

March 30, 1951 (OPINION)

OFFICERS

RE: Duties of State Auditor Under HB 752

We have your letter of March 29, 1951, which reads as follows:

"Will you kindly favor us with your opinion as to what are the state auditor's duties under House Bill No. 752 providing expense for elected state officers? Shall payments under this bill be approved by the state auditing board?"

In reply to such letter, we are of the opinion that it is your duty to pay to the secretary of state, the state auditor, state treasurer, commissioner of insurance, each of the public service commissioners, and the commissioner of agriculture and labor, of the state of North Dakota, the sum of \$1500.00 for each of the calendar years 1951 and 1952, and it is your duty to make such payments quarterly without the filing of any itemized statement or voucher on the part of the enumerated officers.

By reason of the fact that the law provides that no voucher or statement is required, it is our opinion that these payments can be made without the approval of the state auditing board.

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